Grant to Travancore Co-operative Institute, No. 777.

25. **MR K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the functions of the Travancore Co-operative Institute' No. 777 ;

(*b*) (i) whether the Institute is able to attend to all the functions ; and

(ii) if not, why not ;

(*c*) the amount of grant allotted for the year 1106 by the Government to the Institute ;

(*d*) whether any amount has been paid so far (27-11-1106) ;

(*e*) whether they think that the amount allotted is adequate ;

(*f*) whether the Institute has applied for an additional grant ; and

(*g*) (i) whether it has been granted ; and

(ii) if not, why not ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Travancore Co-operative Institute is intended (1) to propagate the principles of co-operation, (2) to organise special types of societies, (3) to serve as the recognised exponent of non-official opinion on co-operation, and (4) to undertake such works as will promote the cause of co-operation.

(*b*) (i) and (ii) The Institute attends to such of its functions as it finds possible. Unsatisfactory finance is said to be the reason for its inability to do more.

(*c*) No grant has so far been allotted to the Institute for 1106.

(*d*) None.

(*e*) This does not arise, in view of the answer to part (*c*) of the question.

(*f*) The Institute has applied for an increased grant of Rs. 1,000 for 1106.

(*g*) (i) and (ii) The application will be considered with due regard to the funds available.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) ; May I know from the member whether there is any other organisation, official or non-official, with the same objects as those of the Institute ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is the official organisation, the Co-operative Department itself.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : For these special objects, I mean ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) ; Not only for these, but for all objects connected with the co-operative movement.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : I do not think that the member has understood my question. What I want to know is whether there is any other organisation, on the lines of the Co-operative Institute, functioning to achieve these specific objects ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Governmnet*) : I claim notice with regard to that.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know from the member whether it is not the opinion of the Government that such an organisation is absolutely necessary to give tone to the movement?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If the member is of that opinion that matter would be considered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know from the member whether Government would be prepared to contribute some amount at least, to divert some amount from the amount allotted for the official agency?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that now. That matter will be considered.

Reorganisation of the Co-operative Department in 1106.

26. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is in accordance with seniority that increase of pay has been given to three Inspectors and the Head Clerk of the Registrar's Office under the reorganisation sanctioned for the Co-operative Department in 1106; and

(*b*) if not, the principle on which increase of pay was given?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Promotion to the first grade was given to the three senior Inspectors. The Inspector who had seniority and capacity for the work was selected as Head Clerk without prejudice to the seniority of those above him.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Abolition of tolls.

27. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to abolish tolls on vehicles in the State, and, if so, when?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

(Mr. Krishnan Nayar, member for Pattanamtitta, presented a notice in respect of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to the Deputy President.)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Krishnan Nayar has put into my hands an application for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council to consider a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the treatment meted out by the authorities to Messrs. Sankara Pillai and Mathunni who have been convicted of sedition and who are now undergoing imprisonment in the Central Jail.

I presume that the conviction is under sentence of a duly constituted criminal court in the land. I understand further that the conviction was upheld, in appeal, by the High Court. The only outstanding

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